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SUBJ: COLOMBIA, ECUADOR, AND LOS

1. PRESIDENT LOPEZ RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION FROM THE SENATE ON AUG 12 TO TRAVEL TO QUITO FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ ON AUG 22-24. THE ANNOUNCED TOPICS OF DISCUSSION FOR THE MEETING WILL BE CLOSER COLLABORATION IN AREA OF MARITIME TRANSPORT, NORMALIZATION OF COMMERCE AND TRANSIT OF WORKERS IN FRONTIER AREAS, AND DEVELOPMENT OF BORDER AREAS. LOPEZ AND RODRIGUEZ WILL ALSO SIGN AN AGREEMENT READJUSTING THEIR TERRITORIAL SEAS BORDERS (BOGOTA 7522).

2. BOGOTA DAILY EL ESPECTADOR OF AUG 13 PUBLISHED A STATEMENT BY THE ECUADORIAN AMBASSADOR TO COLOMBIA IN WHICH HE SAID THAT COLOMBIA WILL EXTEND ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS TO 200 MILES AT THE TIME THAT LOPEZ SIGNS THE ABOVE MENTIONED AGREEMENT WITH ECUADOR.
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HOWEVER, IN A DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFFS, JOAQUIN FONSECA, FONOFF

UNDER SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES, JOKINGLY BRUSHED ASIDE THE AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENT BY SAYING THAT THE ECUADORIANS WOULD PROBABLY ATTEMPT TO "BRAINWASH" LOPEZ INTO SUCH AN EXTENSION OF TERRITORIAL WATERS BUT THE PRESIDENT DOES NOT HAVE THAT KIND OF MOVE IN MIND. (IN A SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, FONOFF UNDERSEC FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS ALSO MADE LIGHT OF THE ECUADORIAN AMB'S STATEMENT.) FONSECA ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT LOPEZ HAS FIRMLY DECIDED FOR NOW ON A 12-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA LIMIT AND A 200-MILE RESOURCE CONSERVATION ZONE AND WILL SOON PRESENT LEGISLATION TO THAT EFFECT (BOGOTA 6770). FONSECA EXPLAINED THAT THE LEGISLATION WILL BE IN ACCORD WITH THE 1958 GENEVA LOS AGREEMENTS AND WILL BE A STOPGAP MEASURE WHICH WOULD BE SUPERSEDED BY NEW LOS ACCORDS ONCE THEY ARE AGREED UPON AND SIGNED.

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